

Chancery Office Diocese of Fort Wayne

St. Joseph's

Rensselaer

Dec. 1888

December 28<sup>th</sup> 1888

Dear Miss K. M. Drexel:

Our Rt. Rev. Bishop directs me to say in answer to you kind let, that: he had offered Rensselaer first to the Benedictine Fathers; and he waited for an answer of acceptance for at least eight years if not longer, but they refused it, even with the two hundred acres of land he offered as a donation to their Order. Now, just before our Rt. Rev. Bishop left for Europe, he had made arrangements with the father of the "Precious Blood". They accepted the offer, would consider disappointments, are very often directed by our good God to greater achievements, to greater good and to his greater honor and Glory; and with this I wish you a very Happy New Year, and consider me always ready to render you my service as far as any given talents and energies may reach for what is good & pleasing to God.

I am sincerely yours in our Lord,

Joseph H. Branmier